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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,899,787, dated February 13, 1990, issued to Ouchi et al.; and
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 10-276968, published October 20, 1998 previously submitted with an English language abstract.

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The above-cited references are not being submitted as they were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 27, 2002 filed in connection with parent application serial number 10/183,076 filed June 27, 2002.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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